

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 307

By Pitts

A RESOLUTION to commend Andrew "Drew" Lewis for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Andrew "Drew" Lewis is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative Joe Pitts; Drew's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, born in Honolulu, Hawaii, to Ronald Lewis and Willa Calvaresi in 1984, Drew Lewis grew up in Denver, Colorado, with his sister, Briawna; he graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School, where he was heavily involved in the Junior ROTC program, attaining the rank of cadet major and serving as company commander and regulation drill leader; and

WHEREAS, following high school Drew joined the United States Army as an Ammunition Specialist; after completing basic combat and advanced training schools, he attended the airborne training school in Fort Benning, Georgia, and completed parachutist training before being assigned to Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, while at Fort Campbell, Drew deployed twice with the 526<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion in support of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division to Iraq, the first time to Mosul and the second to Baghdad; he received the Overseas Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary medals, Iraq Campaign Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Combat Action Badge for his service there; and

WHEREAS, while assigned to the 526<sup>th</sup>, Drew spent three months at West Point in support of cadet basic training through ammunition supply; following his second tour in Iraq, he joined the 1<sup>st</sup>/230<sup>th</sup> Air Cavalry Squadron, a unit of the Tennessee National Guard based in

Smyrna, and received the Tennessee Individual Achievement Ribbon for exemplary service in support of unit annual training; and

WHEREAS, after fulfilling his contract, Drew separated from the National Guard on Christmas Day 2009; and

WHEREAS, now a student at Austin Peay State University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Drew has achieved academic success while majoring in History and Political Science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, which he has served as Secretary of the Theta Tau chapter and Alumni Relations Officer; Phi Alpha Theta; Pi Sigma Alpha, which he has served as President; Omicron Delta Kappa; Gamma Beta Phi; Phi Kappa Phi; and the Austin Peay College Democrats, which he has served as Secretary, Vice President, and President; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his campus leadership, Drew has been active in both community and national political organizations; he is involved in the College Democrats of America (CDA), which he has served as Development Director of the CDA Disability Caucus and Development Director of the CDA Veterans Caucus; the Montgomery County Democratic Party; and Clarksville for Obama, which he served as Transportation Chair during the 2008 election cycle; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Drew has been recognized in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* and will graduate Magna Cum Laude from Austin Peay on May 7, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Drew's display of intellectual and professional aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his success in his future plans to join the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia national staff as the Retreat Coordinator and Programs Associate; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Drew brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2010 session of the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2010 legislative session, Drew has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Drew Lewis has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Andrew "Drew" Lewis for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Joe Pitts and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.